iv. Yes.

v. No.

Assignment of Porambokes.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

40. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the papers in its possession showing:—

i. The application or applications referred to in Q. 39 ii ;

ii. The correspondence that passed between the Government and the Trichur Municipality regarding the said application ;

iii. The reports by the Diwan Peishkar regarding the said application ;

iv. The reports, if any, submitted by the committee referred to in Q. 39 (v) ;

v. The recommendations made on the said application by the then Diwan Mr. P. Narayana Menon; and

vi. The final orders by the Government in the matter.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR (*Diwan Peishkar*).

Government considers that no public interest will be served by laying on the table the papers referred to and hence declines to comply with the request made.

Assignment of Porambokes in the State.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

41. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement regarding assignment of *porambokes* in the State during the last ten years showing:—

i. Names of individuals (in full) to whom the said assignments have been made;

ii. full description and area of the plots assigned in each case;

iii. the value received in each case, both of site and timber;

iv. petitions from the assignees or others applying for or objecting to the assignment as the case may be.

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RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR (*Diwan Peishkar*).

A statement showing the total area of *porambokes* classified and assigned during the last ten years (1090 to 1099 both inclusive) and the land value realised under the head "Capital" is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 8*). It is rather impracticable at present to collect and furnish the details called for in sub-questions i to iv, as several changes have taken place in the names of individuals as well as areas of fields, owing to transfers and sub-divisions during the last ten years. A detailed examination of a very large number of assignment and transfer of registry files of the last ten years in all revenue offices in the State will be necessary to collect all particulars necessary to compile a statement as asked for, which will involve considerable expenditure of time and labour which, the Government consider, public interests do not justify. The assignments have been effected in the names, either of the highest bidders in public auctions conducted, or of those determined in accordance with the principles and procedure laid down in the Land Revenue Manual. If the member requires information in respect of any field or fields assigned during the last ten years, he can easily obtain it from the Settlement registers and chittahs of the villages which are open to the public for inspection and for which special facilities will be afforded to all the members of this House by the Tahsildars.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH. (*Chalakkudi*).

Will not the original records and registers in the Diwan Peishkar's Office show the details called for ?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR. (*Diwan Peishkar*).

Yes, if those files are not already destroyed according to the rules.

Applications for Assignment of Porambokes.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

42. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of applications, now pending before the Government or disposed of within the last one year

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